

Online Reference

April 2013 marks the 101st anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Learn some facts about the Titanic as you explore some online reference resources.

***Sources say that the *Titanic* had many indoor *amenities* such as a library, a Turkish bath, and a barbershop.**

1. Use the **online dictionary** to define the word ***amenity*** and to explain its etymology.
 - a. Define:
 - b. Etymology:
2. Find a **Google definition** and see if the Google definition is different.
 - a. Google definition:

***William Howard Taft was the president of the United States the year the *Titanic* sank.**

3. Consult the **biographical dictionary** and write down one interesting fact about President Taft.
 - a. Fact:
 - b. What important position did he have after he was president?

***The ship received electrical power from steam-driven electric generators, and *Titanic* had two auxiliary generators for emergency use.**

4. Use the **thesaurus** to find 2 synonyms for ***auxiliary***.
 - a.
 - b.

***After leaving Southampton, England, the *Titanic* stopped at the city of Cherbourg.**

5. Use the **National Geographic Atlas Map Machine** to discover what country Cherbourg is in (you may have to zoom out on the map to find the answer)
6. The ***World Book Encyclopedia*** article on the *Titanic* contains a photograph of the ship. Access the photo, and read the caption to find out how many passengers died in the shipwreck and how many survived.
 - a. Died: _____
 - b. Survived: _____

Name _____ Period _____

7. Look at the **Wikipedia article** on the *Titanic*. Check the External Links at the bottom of the article. Click on the *BBC Archive*. List an example of a primary source you find on the website. (A primary source is something created during the time period by a participant or an eye witness of the event.)

***The *Titanic* also stopped at Queenstown (originally called Cobh) located in County Cork, Ireland.**

8. Look up Ireland in **Culturegrams**, access the political map, and circle on which side of Ireland (north, south, east or west) Cobh or Queenstown is located. Hint: It is located in County Cork.

a. North b. South c. East d. West

***One of the famous *Titanic* survivors was Margaret “Molly” Brown, a socialite from Leadville, Colorado.**

9. Look up Leadville, Colorado, in the **Gazetteer** and see what the temperature is in Leadville today.

Temperature:

***Historians for the past 100 years have been fascinated by the shipwreck of the *Titanic*.**

10. Access the **Destiny online library catalog**. Type in “Titanic” and do a subject search.

- a. How many books come up on the subject search?
b. Write down the names of two books that look interesting to you.

11. Write two questions you have about what happened on the *Titanic*.

12. Where do you think you could find the answers to your questions?

Assessment:

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